

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of December 22, 2009

The Examiner has rejected Applicants' claims under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over a proposed combination of the teachings of Gorbet et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,542,163 with the teachings of Vaghi U.S. Patent No. 6,474,882. Gorbet is noted as teaching a method of operating a computer program; and, Vaghi is noted as a portable computer with a printer head combined in the computer case.

Claim 1, the sole base claim in the application, has herein been amended to recite that the GUI in the first mode of operation employs a printer control element on a first screen with a plurality of activatable areas corresponding to a subset of a set of printer functions.

It is submitted that nowhere within the four corners of the Gorbet et al. reference is there any teaching or suggestion of a control element activatable upon user invocation for a print function. Thus, the proposed combination of the teachings of Gorbet et al. and Vaghi lacks a significant element of Applicants' claims. Accordingly, the rejection is *prima facie* invalid.

The newly presented dependent claims describe the subset of printer functions relating to the user interface displaying the functions in color and with respect to image quality. None of these functions is present in either of the cited references or suggested by any proposed combination.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments made hereinabove, it is submitted that the claims now define patentable subject matter and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is hereby requested.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 1, 3-15) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	14	- 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	01	- 3 =	0

☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Roger A. Johnston, at Telephone Number (216) 363-9000.

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